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FROM: Information Control,
 COUNTRIES: AUSTRIA/USSR
 SUBJECT: Soviet Censorship Group in Austria.

1. The headquarters of the Soviet Censorship Group in Austria is located at Technikerstrasse 5, Vienna IV. The first chief of this Group in Austria was Lt Col PASTERNAK who was transferred in July 1946 to Berlin, where he now holds a similar position. PASTERNAK is of Czech origin; about 33 years old; 5'8" tall; slender; has dark hair and complexion.

2. PASTERNAK was replaced by Capt. KUTUZOV who has been in Austria since the capture of Vienna. He works in dual capacity as Chief of the Censorship Group and as an intelligence officer. KUTUZOV seems to be responsible to an RIS Major SHUMANKOV who maintains an office in the Imperial Hotel, although he spends much of his time at the Censorship office. KUTUZOV's headquarters are on the ground floor at Technikerstrasse 5; he has a second office in Room 103 of the Telephone Exchange Building in Schiller Platz.

3. Additional Soviet Censorship officers are:

(a) PAVLOV, Jr., Lt. Alexander

Chief of Soviet Censorship Group in Urfahr, Upper Austria from 24 August 1946 until about November, 1946, when Urfahr Censorship was turned over to Austrian Communists. Maintains office and lives at Technikerstrasse 5.

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(b) (?) Jr. Lt. Erich (LNU)

Interpreter and assistant to Capt. KUTUZOV.

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(c) YUROVA, Jr. Lt. Margareta

Former assistant censorship officer to Lt. PAVLOV in Urfahr. He transferred to Berlin in October 1946 as assistant to Lt. Col. PALE-TERNAK.

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(d) VITKOV, Lt. (FNU)

A subordinate of KUTUZOV, works at the office at Room 103, Telephone Exchange Building, Schiller Platz.

4. The operational offices of the Soviet Censorship Group are located, along with other Allied censorship offices, in the Central Telephone Exchange Building, Schiller Platz, Vienna I. A small sub-office is also located in Sternneck Platz, Vienna II. The Allied Censorship Detachment, which is controlled by the four occupying powers, is commonly referred to as "Z-4". The Soviet Detachment, which is in Rooms 103 to 106 inclusive, is commonly referred to as "Z-5".

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6. The first Austrian chief of "Z-5" was Karl WYKOPOL, who lives in Traugasse, Vienna III. WYKOPOL was recently dismissed [REDACTED] He was succeeded by an Austrian Communist named JOHN SCHLEGER. SCHLEGER's only administrative experience had been as an employee of the Censorship Group since March 1947, but his membership in the Austrian Communist Party and his excellent relations with the Russians aided him in obtaining

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7. SCHLEGER, [redacted] reorganized "Z-5" and removed all anti-Communist employees. The section now employs approximately 200 persons, many of whom have graduated from Communist political schools. The starting salary of the average employee is 300 Schillings monthly. Those who know foreign languages and have good Party records receive higher salaries. Employees are normally required to work a 50-hour week.

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